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COMMISSIONER ELECTION

JANUARY 9, 1999

The election for new Commissioners will take place on SATURDAY, THE 9th OF JANUARY, 1999 from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. There were four positions vacant. Commissioner Sipple has the only hold over position. Positions avail-

One seat for a one year term * Two seats are for two year terms * One seat for one year remaining

of a two year term.

The deadline for candidates filing for positions was December 11, 1998 by 12:00 Noon.

The following candidates filed for

the seats indicated:

One Year Term: R. Glenn Miles Harry Willey, Sr.

Two Year Terms: Jack Dalton Charles Singman Cindy Truitt

The election will be held for the

two, two year terms only.

All residents who wish to vote in the Town Election must be registered by **DECEMBER 30, 1998.** Office hours at the Town Hall are from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday.





On October 7, 1998, Bridgeville lost a wonderful friend and a dedicated Dianne Willey had been a valued Town Employee for the past twelve years. Her life positively influenced all her co-workers, family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Our deepest sympathy is extended

to her family.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY TO GET NEW ROOF!

The Trustees of the Bridgeville Public Library have decided that a new roof is needed for the library. Although the present roof is only ten years old, the shingles have been loose and causing problems the last five years. Several roofers have made repairs and advised that the old cedar shakes underneath are the culprit because they will no longer hold nails. A local roofer has been contracted to begin in January to remove both the existing roof and the old cedar shakes and install a new roof. The cost is estimated near \$15,000.00

The Trustees are asking for donations, but also expect to need to reduce the Library budget in some areas and perhaps borrow some funds to pay for the new roof. All donations should be sent to the Bridgeville Public Library, 210 Market Street. For more information call Carol Gasior, Director, 337-7401.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION.....

OCTOBER 12, 1998:

-Traffic arrests for September totaled 306. There were 89 complaints with 313 investigations.

-DELDOT representatives presented a program on the Preservation of the

Rt 13 Corridor.

-Starting November 1, 1998, Comcast Cable will have a rate increase. -There were three septic haulers for

\$1,450.00 in revenue.

-Jimmy's Grille recently installed a

1,500 gallon grease trap.

-Boot Camp Workers cleaned the Town for the Apple-Scrapple Festival.

-Letters have been sent to several trucking companies reminding them of the new by-pass. Signs have been installed at all entrance points to the Town stating the same.

-DELDOT have agreed to repair the sunken manhole on Market Street.

-The Main Street sewer crossing was tabled until cost estimates could be obtained.

-Commissioner Sipple will be obtaining prices for a salt and sand shed.

-The Town received an apology letter from Cannon Cold Storage regarding their mistake of an ammonia leak in September.

-The Commission tabled a waste haulers

application.

-Greenwood and Bridgeville each voted to pay \$3,000.00 to have engineers develop plans to comply with the state's new regulations regarding nutrients, (TMDL) Total Maximum Daily Load. The balance of \$6,000 will be recovered through grant money.

NOVEMBER 9, 1998;

-Traffic arrests for October totaled 296. Commissioner Miles reported 32 summons were issued to trucks on Market and Main Streets. There were 13 warning given to trucks using Church Street. The police department received \$28,823.00 in grant money in October.

-Commissioner Royal reported four

septic haulers dumped 53,0505 gallor for a revenue of \$2,122.00. There are still a list of on-going projects that need to be addressed concerning the W.W.T.P.

-Commissioner Dalton reported an average daily flow of water of 117,000 gallons. The Town is instituting a weekly maintenance procedure for operating the wells from the control panel at Town Hall to insure that all lines and systems are working. -Letters were sent to local Sussex

County leaders who are affected by the state's new TMDL regulations requesting they join us in getting state support for reducing our discharge into the Nanticoke River. The Town is exploring the feasibility of a spray irrigation system.

-The Town will hold an open bid meeting for trash haulers. This will enable the residents to know what their monthly cost would be should the ordinance be approved.

-Cannon Cold Storage was granted their request to increase their flow to 10,000 pgd, on a trial basis only, and providing there are no violations.

-It was voted to renew the agreement for 10 years with two five year extensions with Comcast Ca if neight party objects. The current agreement expires in

February, 1999. -The Commission approved Resolution #98A pertaing to the Sussex County Community Development and Housing Block Grant Program.

-The Davis property, 103 S.Main St, has been rented by the Town to Delmarva Fife Federal Credit Union.

-President Bennett announced there will be four Commissioners positions up for election on January 9,1999. Deadline for candidates to file is noon on December 11, 1998. Deadline for residents to register to vote in the Town election is December 30.

DECEMBER 14, 1998;

-Traffic arrests for November totaled 222 with a total of 65 complaints answered.

CEMBER(minutes continued)

-There were three waste haulers for a revenue of \$1,750.00.

-None of the 15 items on the Sept. 1998 equipment repair estimates

list have been addressed.

-Commissioner Dalton expressed his thanks to our personnel for their work to repair and service the pick-up truck. He said they have saved the Town many dollars by being able to perform some of the repairs so that we don't have to send the truck out.

-Commissioner Dalton reported the progress of the Bridgeville/Greenwood Wastewater Committee, and the study with DBF is under way to find the

best way to handle our sewage. The Western Sussex Wastewater Coalition has been formed to lobby the State to provide grant money to complete the process of removing our wastewater from the Nanticoke River Watershed. This coalition includes representatives from local farms, Delmar,

wax and Senator Robert Venables.
-Commission approved a resolution for a wastewater planning grant from the

urel, Curtice Burns Foods, Johnson

State of Delaware.

-Commissioner Sipple reported we have received approval from some congressional funds to repave some of our streets. Streets that have been selected are: Elm Street, Mill Street, Emory Street and John Street. This project will have to be put out for bids so the project will probably not start until spring.

The Boot Campers Workers have been cleaning up around Frog Harbor for

the last two weeks.

-Two waste haulers permits were approved for the coming year.



GET YOUR FLU SHOT THIS YEAR!!

The flu can be serious for people 65 and over. It can lead to dangerous and costly health problems, especially for those with chronic illnesses such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, kidney disease, or diabetes. You also need a shot each year because flu types change every year. Give it some serious thought.... However, consult your physician first and always.

GET CHIMNEY CLEANED YEARLY!!

What better way to spend crisp winter evenings than in front of a crackling fire, until of course, the bird's nest clogging your chimney sends smoke rolling through your living room, sending your coughing family into the great outdoors! Be it a wood stove or fireplace, have your chimney cleaned and inspected yearly....

BAD WEATHER'S COMING-BE PREPARED!!

Oil change, antifreeze, engine, battery, belts, hoses, tires, cold weather gear, shovels, salt, flares, first aid kits, cell phones. These should all be checked and included with your vehicle this time of year. No matter where you travel, temperatures are dropping. So plan ahead for your own good and safety.

SNOW REMOVAL....

After a snowfall make sure your sidewalks are cleared so as not to

interrupt your mail from being
delivered on time. Your local
postal carrier would appreciate your
efforts!!!

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"ON TAP"

COMMISSIONER JACK DALTON

As we reach the end of the year, we are pleased to report that we have experienced no major problems with the water system. Credit is due to our fine staff or keeping our system well maintained and operational to provide quality water to our Town.

The most important thing facing us right now is not with the water, but the situation involving our wastewater treatment plan. I am working with our Wastewater Commissioner, Charles Royal, to address a significant problem. Just more than five years after completing the major upgrade to our system, an upgrade that we were told by the State would carry us well into the future, we are faced with a State mandate to reduce our nutrient level by fifty percent. This mandate is the result of a recent court xase wherein the state was found to have understated the level of nutrient loading in our streams and groundwater. As a mater of fact, a recent article in the New Journal states that Delaware's estuaries are the most contaminated in the world.

One of the problems with the current standard is that we understand that it is not the final level of nutrient content the State will mandate. We do not know when that level will be lowered and we will need to make further improvements to our system. Had we know five years ago, we could have planned more effectively when we went into debt for forty years to improve our system.

With this in mind, we face two important questions. One, what level and method of treatment should we consider and two, how should it be paid for? To the first question we have the opportunity to strive for either "Environmental Compliance" or "Environmental Excellence". If we truly want to improve the quality of our environment and solve the problem long-term, then we need to look at getting our effuent out of the streams. This will require

a tremendous upgrade to our plant, which because of its age and design

will be very expensive.

Then there is the matter of how it will be funded. We have already faced a major increase in the amount we pay for treatment and some in our community cannot afford higher sewer bills. For this reason I feel that we need to work with other towns and industries affected by this recent mandate to secure state funding for what promises to be a major project.

With this in mind, we have asked the towns of Greenwood, Seaford, Laurel and Delmar, and they have agreed to join us in forming the "Western Sussex Wastewater Coalition" to determine the most effective method of protecting our environment and to present to a united front to

the state concerning funding.

One of the most promising technologies for reaching Environmental Excellence to spray irrigation. It is being used in other areas of the state with great success. In studing this treatment method we find that the most successful systems are those that included the agricultural community in the planning stage of the project. For this reason we have invited our local farmers to participate in our study. I am pleased to announce that they have agreed to help, for they too want the best for our community.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have already had our first meeting on December 9th. We will report to you our progress, and hope to accomplish our goals of protecing our environment as well as the pocketbooks of our citizens.

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GOODNESS IS THE ONLY INVESTMENT THAT NEVER FAILS!!!!

TOWN CODE-ARTICLE II LITTERING

#200-7. DEFINITIONS

LITTER: garbage, refuse and rubbish, and all other waste material, which, if thrown or deposited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

#208-8. LITTER IN PUBLIC PLACES.

A. No person shall throw, place or deposit or cause to be thrown, placed or deposited litter or any dangerous or offensive substances in or upon any public place, except in a public receptacle or in an authorized private receptacle for private collection.

B. A public receptacle shall not be

used for the deposit of garbarge.

#200-9. THROWING OF LITTER.

No person shall throw or cause to the thrown litter or any dangerous or fensive substance at a car, vehicle, house, building or fence.

#200-10. DEPOSITING REFUSE AND LITTER ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

No person shall deposit, drain, pour, pump or throw or cause or permit to be deposited, drained, poured, pumped, or thrown into or onto any of the streets, lands, alleys, ditches, or underdrains owned or maintained by the Town any slops, filth, unclean water, trash, garbage, refuse or other foreign matter that is or may be injurious to the health of the residents of this Town.

#200-11. PLACEMENT OF LITTER IN RECEPTACLES.

A person placing litter in public receptacles or in private receptacles shall do so in a manner so as to prevent it from being blown, carried or deposited by the elements upon public places or private property.

#200-12.SWEEPING LITTER INTO PUBLIC PLACES

A. No person shall sweep, cast or throw or deposit or cause to be swept, cast, thrown, or deposited in any public place the accumulation of litter from a building or lot or from a public or private sidewalk or driveway, except as permitted by this Article.

B. All persons owning or occupying property shall keep sidewalks in front of their premises free from

litter.

#200-13. LITTER FROM VEHICLES.

A. No person shall throw or deposit litter upon a public or pri-

vate place from a vehicle.

B. No person shall drive or move a truck or other vehicle unless the vehicle is so constructed, loaded or covered as to prevent any load or contents of litter from being blown or deposited upon any public or private place.

C. No person shall drive or move any vehicle or truck within the Town, the wheels or tires of which carry on to or deposit in any street, alley or other public or private place mud, dirt, sticky substance or foreign matter of any kind.

#200-14. LITTER ON VACANT LOTS.

No person shall throw, place or deposit or permit to be thrown, place or deposited, upon any public or private lot, litter of any description.

#200-19. POSTING NOTICES.

No person shall post or affix a notice, poster or other paper or device, calculated to attract the attention of the public, to a lamppost, public utility pole or shade tree or upon any public structure or building, except as may be authorized by the owners thereof or required by law.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fireman Butch Tribbitt was honored by Gov. Tom Carper in Wilmington this fall with the Delaware Fire Safety Education Award. This honor was presented to Mr. Tribbitt by the Delaware Children's Safety Foundation. Mr. Tribbitt is a long standing volunteer fireman in our community. He has been working for the community and our children for the last 14 years. Congratulations Butch for a job well done!

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Mrs. Bonnie Workman, was installed in September as president of Ladies Auxiliary Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA). Mrs. Workman is a 29-year member of the Bridgeville Ladies Auxiliary and served 11 years as president. She has held numerous jobs with the county and state auxiliaries. We wish her a wonderful year!

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Ms. Noemi Miranda was named Delaware Multi-Family Housing Manager of the Year. Ms. Miranda is property manager of Elizabeth Corish Landing, a 34-unit Farm Labor Housing complex is Bridgeville. Congratulations is extended to Ms. Miranda.

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The Kiwanis Club held their annual Trophy Night on November 23, 1998. The club honored the football teams of Woodbridge and Delmar High Schools.

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APPLE-SCRAPPLE HOME DECORATING WINNERS lst Place-Sharon and Kenny McDowell 2nd Place-Betty Jane Steffen 3rd Place-Ruth Ann and Bobby Tull The festival committee would like to thank the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this first annual event for the festival.

A New Year's Eve Dance will be held at the Bridgeville Firehall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Social hour, dinner and dancing included in the \$65.00 per couple.

For more information call 337-7272

Sponsored by the firemen of the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Dept.

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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY...

BRIDGEVILLE NEW HOMEOWNERS

Mr. Johnny Farrington

Ms. Kelly Rice

Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Garcia

Ms. Pam MacMeekin Mr. Ewen Cahall

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Plyler

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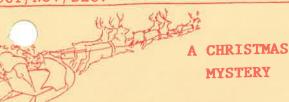
NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN:

Delmarva Fife Federal Credit Union, 103 S Main Street.

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BELIEVE IT ...OR NOT! Where did this year go! The Town's newsletter is a year old. Published four times a year, we think it brings to our community the news it needs to know. We would like to take this time to thank our sponsors who made it all possible. Area business people have supported our efforts all the way. We want them to know how grateful we are. Please support them by patronizing their businesses. A special thank you to everyone.

"THE JOURNAL"



Twas the week before Christmas and all around town, the excitement and fun had settled right down. For towns folk were hush, the auxiliary in prayer, for no one in Bridgeville could locate President Bennett.

MYSTERY

The police on patrol, they hadn't a clue, they had checked the park,

the firehall too.

Doug took to the streets, with Rick and Phillip at his side, to see where that crafty politician might

An emergency meeting of Commissioners they did call, but it was cancelled

for Monday night football.

The girls in the office made phone calls to this town and that, but they all questioned as, to where Pridgeville was at!

In thin air, he just disappeared, foul play and disaster is what

everyone feared.

The week went on by, we all had our doubts, as to the Town's future, and the President's where-abouts!

And then on the eve of that merry special day; church service in full swing, after a short delay. Above all the singing, the organ

and bells, there came to their ears what sounded like yells.

They ran out the doors, looked towards the water tank; what they saw was surely the start of some prank.

Up on the top were ten fools at the least, dancing around with full

wind in their sheets.

They went and they gathered in full congregation, full of contempt, disgust, and aggravation.

Their eyes came accustomed to the night bright and clear, at the foot of the tank, the worst they did fear.

When what over the side of the tank did appear, it was Santa and Bob, and eight tiny reindeer.

Seems he'd planned to help Santa since early fall, and Nick was bringing him back to be with us all.

While flying and caroling the next thing they knew, they were into the tank, all dull and blue.

Then just as with chimneys, Santa lowered him down, scratched but unharmed, he floated to ground.

His wife with a hug, friends loaded with smiles, the President was a sight they'd not seen in a while.

And then with some order regained up on high, t'was time to return

to his work in the sky.

Bells began to jingle, directions he did bark, as they ascended the night and flew over the park.

Into the stars they went-sled, Santa and deer. Reins held tightly so he knew where to steer.

It was an eve to remember, a wonderful sight.

As he called Merry Christmas, and to all a good night!.

THE PRESIDENT, TOWN COMMISSIONERS, AND ADMINISTRATION WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY, AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!.

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KIWANIS CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again be sponsoring their home decorating contest for the holiday season. The three categories are: Best decorated home

Best decorated door Best decorated home by a Kiwanian Judging will take place on Saturday, December 26, 1998, 4:30 to 8:00 P.M.

The more you give, the more you get:

The more you laugh, the less you fret:

The more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly;

The more of everything you share, the more you will find you have to spare.

The more you love, the more you'll find

That life is good and friends are kind;

For only what you give away, enriches you from day to day.

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Scents of Noel Word Find

SNIFF! Christmas is in the air...and in this aromatic word find that captures the holiday essence. Wafting through the blend of letters hiding below are the names of 24 scentsational fragrances (listed at bottom) that perfume Yuletide.

Follow your nose and connect letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- DEC. 31 New Year's Dance-B'ville Fire Hall. Must purchase tickets in advance.
- JAN. 1 New Years Day
 (Town Office Closed)
 - 9 Commissioner Election, 12:00 to 7:00 P.M. Town Hall
 - 11 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- FEB. 8 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
 - 14 Valentine's Day
- MAR 6 Firemen's Annual Beef & Dumpling Dinner, Sunday 12:00 5:00 P.M.
 - 8 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
 - 17 St. Patricks Day
 - 26/27 Annual Lions Club Vari Show, Woodbridge Jr/Sr High School, 8:00 P.M.

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